

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been presented.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hower, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 5,467,434, in view of Lobiondo, U.S. Patent No. 5,287,194. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites "a confirmation message presentation section for presenting to a user a confirmation message for confirming printing based on the acquired print setting information" and "a resetting section for resetting the acquired print setting information in accordance with an instruction from the user if the printing is not confirmed by the user." The Examiner admits that Hower does not teach presenting a confirmation message to the user but relies on Lobiondo as teaching this feature. Admittedly, Lobiondo teaches that the user is informed where the job is being printed and when completion is expected (col. 2, lines 64-65). However, Lobiondo does not teach that the user takes any action with respect to that message. Claim 1 requires, although not specifically recited this way, that the user must confirm the message, and if the message is not confirmed by the user, the print setting information is reset in accordance with an instruction from the user. Neither Hower nor Lobiondo, alone or in combination, teach or suggest this feature.

Claims 6 and 9 also recite similar features as recited in claim 1, and are thus allowable for the same reasons claim 1 is allowable. The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

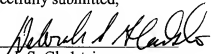
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772035300.

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